

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the phone interview with Mark Syat and Marina Zalevsky on August 24, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14 and 17-19.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Syat and Marina Zalevsky on August 24, 2004.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A document processing system having a user interface for creating a plurality of tabbed pages within said document, each tabbed page carrying an individual tab, said user interface comprising:

an interactive tab data entry frame facilitating entry of tab data by an operator, including a total number of said tabbed pages in said document and a number of unique tab positions to format said tabbed pages, and entry of tab content for each associated tab by the operator; and a page preview frame showing a layout of the unique tab positions for formatted tabbed pages and said tab content entered by the operator for each associated tab, which tab data entry frame and page preview frame are simultaneously displayed on the same screen and wherein the page preview frame is dynamically updated in response to the entry of the tab data into the tab data entry frame.

2. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface allows all of said tab data and tab content to be entered at one time.

3. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface allows said tab content to be entered during creation of a document.

4. (Currently Amended) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said page preview frame shows an accurate contemporaneous image of said tabbed page with said tab content.

5. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said page preview frame shows an accurate image of a plurality of said tabbed pages with a corresponding plurality of said tab content.

6. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to receive data pertaining to a location of said tabbed pages in a document to allow for automated insertion of said tabbed pages.

7. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said tab content comprises a graphic.

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8. (Original) The document processing system of claim 7, wherein said graphic is a color graphic.

9. (Currently Amended) A [[The]] document processing system of claim 1, having a user interface for creating a plurality of tabbed pages within the document, each tabbed page carrying an individual tab, the user interlace comprising:

a tab data entry frame facilitating entry of tab data, including a total number of the tabbed pages in the document and a number of unique tab positions to format the tabbed pages, and entry of tab content for each associated tab which wherein said tab content includes merged fields; and

a page preview frame showing a layout of the unique tab positions for the formatted tabbed pages and the tab content entered for each associated tab, which tab data entry frame and page preview frame are simultaneously displayed on the same screen and wherein the page preview frame is dynamically updated in response to the entry of the tab data into the tab data entry frame.

10. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to compensate for deleted tabbed pages.

11. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to automatically accommodate a change in tab data involving a change in tab modulus.

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12. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to digitize tab content.

13. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to justify tab content on said tab.

14. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein a personal computer hosts said user interface.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An automated method for processing a document having tabbed pages, said method comprising the steps of:

entering by an operator tab modulus data including a number of unique tab positions into a tab data entry frame;

receiving entered tab modulus data;

determining a location of a tab on each of said tabbed pages based on received modulus data;

receiving tab content; [[and]]

positioning tab content onto said tab;

simultaneously displaying on the same screen a page preview frame and the tab data entry frame; and

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dynamically updating the page preview frame in response to the entry of the tab modulus data.

18. (Original) The method for processing a document having tabbed pages of claim 17, wherein said step of positioning tab content involves rotating said tab content for placement on said tab.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for processing a document having tabbed pages of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

receiving data identifying a location of at least one of said tabbed pages in said document;
and
automatically inserting said at least one of said tabbed pages in said document.

20. (Cancelled)

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-14 and 17-19 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent claims 1, 9, and 17, when considered as a whole, are allowable over the Prior Art of record. Specifically, the Prior Art of record fail to clearly teach or suggest a document processing system simultaneously displaying on the same screen a page preview frame

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and the tab data entry frame and dynamically updating the page preview frame in response to the entry of the tab data into the tab data entry frame.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiries

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon (Gary) D Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-8318 or (571)272-4139 (starting October). The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday with every other Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R Herndon can be reached on (703)308-5186 or (571)272-4136 (starting October). The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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